

Charlton P.S.

THE CHARLTON CITIZEN



November Issue

Dear Charlton Students, Staff and Family,

This year we are bringing back our school newsletter. It will be published by the Charlton Leadership Team. Every month there will be a new edition featuring work by Charlton students for Charlton students. We will endeavor to provide our readers with a variety of new and interesting reports, so keep checking back every month for exciting news about our school. If you'd like to be in our newspaper, please see our leadership team or your homeroom teacher. We hope you enjoy the first issue of our student-written newspaper. We look forward to your feedback!

Get To Know the Charlton Staff: Mr. Craig

The Leadership Team will be interviewing different members of the Charlton staff each month in a new segment of the Charlton Citizen called Get to Know the Charlton Staff!



Mr. Craig
Grade 3/4 teacher

It was an exciting morning the first day of grade 5 and as I walked into my classroom the first thing I saw was my new teacher Mr. Craig. I don't remember much of the details but I do remember the smiling, kind teacher that seemed almost as eager to start the year off as the students.

A 5th generation Canadian James Bruce Craig shares a birthday with Canada. His birthday is on July 1st. Speaking of his birthday Mr. Craig says, "Every night on my birthday there are fireworks. It's like a show just for my birthday. It's amazing."

Now 60 years young, Mr. Craig is the eldest of four; he has two younger sisters Tara and Sheila and D'Arcy his younger brother. His first name James is after his late father. "The name James has become a very special name to me after my father passed away and I always sign my name with a 'J'" says Mr. Craig after being asked about his full name.

Mr. Craig likes to work with kids; however what many people don't know is that Mr. Craig is also very passionate about art. He even went to university to study art. He attended Ontario College of Art, Mount Allison University. Thereafter Mr. Craig attended teacher's college at Queens University and starting his teaching career in 1980. Mr. Craig taught in many interesting places but none as remote as a fly-in First Nations community on Sandy lake from 1981-1984. Some years later Mr. Craig started teaching at Charlton Public school in 1988. "When I started teaching here there were around 800 students and 19 portable classrooms," replies Mr. Craig when I ask about the difference in Charlton now and then. Mr. Craig has been teaching in Charlton for 25 years! When asked about his teaching style Mr. Craig gives an admirable answer: "I have a very relaxed class environment and I believe that we all have special talents even though we're different. Schools should give us the opportunity to show that, so that's how I teach my class." Throughout the years at Charlton Mr. Craig has enjoyed teaching music and supervising extracurricular activities (e.g. Volleyball, Eco team, Cross Country, Recorder Club) "I love people to have the opportunity to participate in extracurriculars" and with this wide variety of clubs, Mr. Craig sure has provided that. One thing Mr. Craig taught me when I was a student was his motto: "when the going gets tough the tough get going." Mr. Craig plays a supportive role in the Charlton community and it wouldn't be the same without him.

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Scary story

By *Richard Xu*

Community Class/ Grade 3/4 Class

It was a very dark night in October and it was very windy. Richard called his friends Luke and Diana to come over and play.

When they arrived they all went upstairs to play. While they were playing, there was a loud noise.

The noise made Richard, Luke, and Diana scream. Then they saw a very tall man with long black jacket and a red shirt and red pants standing at the bedroom door.

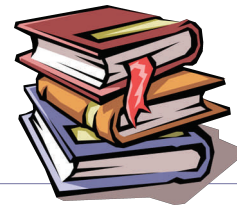
Richard said, "Who are you?" The man said, "I'm a Vampire and I am evil".

Then Richard, Luke and Diana chased the Vampire out of the house. The Vampire started running up the street and the kids still chased him.

Finally the Vampire stopped at a gate that said, "Vampire Village".

HALLOWEEN DANCE 2013

Halloween in Charlton is a fun day! Everyone dresses up and we have our assembly, but the best part is our Halloween dance! This year our DJ was Mr. Kim. He was also the judge for our intermediate costume competition. To the right are our two winners, Ethan Goldberg and Simon Yebio. Congratulations!



Book Fair

The Cheetahs are bringing back the Book-Fair! It will be held Thursday, November, 14th until Thursday, November, 21st in the school library. Flyers with book samples were sent home with the students, however there are many more books to choose from. Not just books! Posters will be sold and there will be various kits and stationary items (such as pens and erasers of all shapes and sizes!). Don't forget to come to the fair!

Remembrance Day

On November 11th 2013 the staff and students at Charlton public school had our Remembrance Day assembly. It included a beautiful performance of "O' Canada" by our intermediate concert band. A poem titled "In Flanders fields" performed Ms. Onodera and Ms. Lusch's grade 5 class, the song "Where have all the flowers gone?" sung by Mr. Craig's grade 2/3 class and a heartwarming song entitled "We Shall Overcome" by the kindergarten classes!



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